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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
AKITO TANAKA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/522,716 :
FILED: JANUARY 28, 2005 :
FOR: METHOD OF INHIBITING :
NONSPECIFIC INTERACTION :
BETWEEN MOLECULES ON :
SOLID PHASE SUPPORT :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.